

Standing Committee on Rules, January 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-chair, Joel Winett. Members present were: Bernice Strom, Joel Winett, Don Chute, Ed Kross, Michael Berardi and Archie Lyon. Reviewed Minutes taken by both Gloria Geller and Ed Kross and made some changes and additions. (See attached revised Minutes). There was a motion by Ed Kross and second by Bernice Strom to accept revised Minutes. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

There was motion by Ed Kross and second by Don Chute to have the Chair write a letter to the Moderator requesting that he not accept motions that refer to background material unless a copy of that background material is supplied with the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Bernice Strom and second by Michael Berardi to have the Chair write a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that when Town Meeting passes an article requesting the Board of Selectmen petition the General Court to change the MGL on behalf of Framingham, the Board of Selectmen shall report back to Town Meeting on the status of the article no later than the following Annual Town Meeting. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Ed Kross and second by Bernice Strom to have the Chair write a letter to Finance Committee requesting them to include in their annual report the transfers from the Reserve Fund. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and no abstentions.

There was a motion by Bernice Strom and second by Michael Berardi to have the Chair write a letter to the Planning Board requesting a report on the condition of the town, any plans or proposals for development and estimate of the cost, also include mitigation project activities agreed to and status of open projects. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Michael Berardi and second by Ed Kross to have the Chair write a letter to High School Building Committee requesting a report on the project progress and expenditures at each Annual Town Meeting and provide a final report after the project has been completed. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Archie Lyon and second by Michael Berardi to have the Chair write a letter to Town Counsel requesting a report to Town Meeting on Eminent Domain takings and source of the funds. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Bernice Strom and second by Ed Kross to have the Chair write a letter to Parks and Recreation or Town Manager requesting a report on the renovation at the Senior Center. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion by Archie Lyon and second by Michael Berardi to have the Chair write a letter to the Disability Commission requesting a report to Town Meeting on the Self-evaluation study and the transition plan to meet ADA1990. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was motion by Archie Lyon and second by Bernice Strom to have the Chair write a letter to Chief Financial Officer requesting a report to Town Meeting containing, as agreed to by the previous Town Manager, the transfers from one department to another instead of bottom line budgeting. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:55 by Archie Lyon and second by Bernice Strom. The vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Chute, Clerk

